

HOW MUCH MORE CAN BARACK OBAMA DISRESPECT WOMEN?

(Mrs. MILLER of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, the campaign of BARACK OBAMA cannot refute Governor Sarah Palin's record of change and reform as Governor of Alaska. She took on the "Old Boy Network" in Alaska and she won. She took on corruption throughout State government and rooted it out. She took on Big Oil and made it serve the interests of her State. She is a true agent of change.

So now the Obama campaign has decided that the way to get at Sarah Palin is through personal attacks and sexist insults. Yesterday, the Associated Press quoted the following: "'You can put lipstick on a pig,' Obama said to an outbreak of laughter, shouts and raucous applause from his audience, clearly drawing a connection to Palin's joke. 'It's still a pig.'"

Well, Mr. Speaker, Senator OBAMA might find such jokes funny, but women will only find them insulting. American women also understand that if this is the kind of change that Senator OBAMA is offering to America, it is really no change at all. Senator OBAMA owes Governor Palin and the women of America an apology.

WE NEED A CHANGE IN WASHINGTON

(Mr. KAGEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KAGEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because of a great change that is taking place in northeast Wisconsin, a change brought on by the failed economic policies of the current administration, an administration that doesn't care about people, rather, they care about corporate profits. What is taking place in Wisconsin is taking place across the middle part of this country. We are losing our jobs overseas.

The paper industry in Wisconsin is being decimated, and recently a paper mill closed. One of the families that lost their position was Bruce Van Zeeland, who writes, "It turned our life upside down, working at one company for 28 years and having no other skills in this horrible job market. My wife is struggling to find a full-time job now. We cannot help out our three kids in college. We worry about losing our home."

This is the change that came about from this Republican dominated House for 12 years and the current administration. We do need a change in Washington, and the Van Zeelands need it now.

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(Mr. SMITH of Nebraska asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow we will look back on a dark day which changed our Nation and the world forever.

On September 11, 2001, we felt the tremors of the World Trade Center collapsing and the attack on the Pentagon. We suffered the destruction of Flight 93 in rural Pennsylvania. And we came together as a country.

On that day, we learned those who would use terror and violence make no distinction between innocent victims and soldiers. We learned the terrible lengths terrorists would go to, and their utter disregard for human life. We mourned the loss of so many of our fellow citizens.

In the days, weeks, months and years since, we have honored the sacrifice and courage of those who showed the world America has men and women willing to lay down their lives for their fellow citizens.

Mr. Speaker, our thoughts should be on the lives lost on September 11, 2001 and of the men and women of our Armed Forces who are fighting for our freedom to this day.

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OIL SECURITY

(Mr. OLVER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, the cornerstone of our Republican colleagues' energy mantra these days is "Drill Now, Drill Anywhere" to eliminate our dependence on foreign oil and to bring gasoline prices now. "Drill now, drill anywhere" works more like a concrete boot than a cornerstone. In the interest of America's national security, that is just about the worst policy we could adopt.

According to our Geological Survey and our Minerals Management Survey, our total oil reserves both on land and offshore would only last 15 to 20 years at the rate America consumes oil today, which is 8 billion barrels a year and still rising. What exactly would America do in 15 to 20 years when all of our oil is used up and the only remaining sources of oil are controlled by some of the most undemocratic oil dictatorships around the world?

Think about it, America, before it's too late.

COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY REFORM; THE TIME FOR CONGRESS TO ACT IS NOW

(Mr. LATTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I spent the month of August traveling throughout my district speaking with my constituents about what issues matter to them most. Hands down, energy prices are their number one concern.

As I toured factories, management explained how the rising cost of energy was forcing them to raise the cost of their products, oftentimes making foreign-made goods more appealing to consumers. When I met with farmers, they explained the high cost of fuel, fertilizer, and chemicals. Some farmers are spending over \$900 a day to run their tractors.

At our county fairs and events throughout the district, families described the impact of high gas prices and how it is affecting their spending and savings plans, putting their financial future and stability into jeopardy.

During these discussions, I took pride in telling everyone that House Republicans were fighting during the entire August recess for lower energy costs with an "all of the above" plan that includes the responsible recovery of our natural resources in addition to further development of renewable and alternative energy.

Without comprehensive energy reform, our constituents and economy will continue to suffer. It's time for Congress to act now.

STROLLING DOWN MEMORY LANE: THE BUSH PRESIDENCY

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, with the clock winding down on the President's second term, this seems like a good time to stroll down memory lane, looking back on America then and now.

Under this President the number of Americans without health care has risen from 38 million to 46 million. Under this President the price of gasoline has risen from less than \$1.50 a gallon to \$4 a gallon. Under this President the unemployment rate has risen to over 6 percent, with millions more Americans out of work and running out of help. Under this President the prices that Americans pay for food, fuel, college, transportation, and medical costs have risen by 25 percent. And let's not forget that mortgage foreclosures are rising while housing prices are falling, like a rock. This President has been willing to bail out Wall Street but never mind Main Street.

Strolling down memory lane can be very educational, especially when you consider the President is running for an unprecedented third term. They talk about change, but only the names will change. The Republican "wreck-economic" policies that created this economic disaster will remain exactly the same. That's not nostalgia; that's a promise from this administration.

DRILL, BABY, DRILL, AND MINE COAL

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)